## <u>Remarks</u>

Two claims have been added to the present application by this Preliminary

Amendment. Fifty-three claims are now pending. No new matter has been introduced
by this amendment. Consideration and entry of this Preliminary Amendment is
respectfully requested.

If there are any charges with respect to this amendment, or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 50-0510 maintained by applicants' attorneys.

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## A marked up version of Claim 1 is as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for facilitating supply chain collaboration in a network environment, said supply chain including an enterprise and at least one supplier, the method comprising:

generating and transmitting an unconstrained forecast to said at least one supplier;

receiving, from said at least one supplier, a supplier capability statement; generating a constrained forecast using at least one supplier capability

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transmitting said-a constrained forecast to said at least one supplier, said constrained forecast generated using at least one supplier capability statement.; and receiving, from said at least one supplier, a formal commitment to product a needed supply indicated in said constrained forecast.

statement;